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City of Barrie

Final

Finance and Corporate Services Committee

Monday, June 20, 2022 | **6:15 PM** | **Council Chamber**

For consideration by General Committee on June 27, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, S. Morales at 6:20 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 6 - Councillor, S. Morales
Mayor, J. Lehman
Deputy Mayor, B. Ward
Councillor, R. Thomson
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, A. Kungl
Councillor, C. Riepma.

STAFF:
Chief Administrative Officer, M. Prowse
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, C. Mainprize
Director of Finance/Treasurer, C. Millar
Director of Information Technology, R. Nolan
Director of Operations, D. Friary
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
General Manager of Community and Corporate Services, D. McAlpine
General Manager of Infrastructure and Growth Management, B. Araniyasundaran
Senior Manager of Corporate Finance Investments, C. Gillespie
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

OPEN DELEGATION BY LYNNE RAIMONDI ON BEHALF OF CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH, REGARDING THE FOOD SECURITY COMMUNITY PROGRAM AT RISK - URBAN PANTRY PROGRAM THROUGH CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

Lynne Raimondi, Manager of Funding, Communications, and Volunteers, on behalf of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), provided an open delegation concerning the Food Security Community at Risk, Urban Pantry Program through the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Ms. Raimondi provided a description of the Urban Pantry Barrie as a community food program that provides community gardens, cooking classes, and the Barrie Food Box, which also focuses on food security and access for everyone within the community, in collaboration with more than 20 community partners.

Ms. Raimondi advised that the program has always been hosted by the CMHA and not funded by the Ministry under a mental health an addictions envelope, whereas it has always been funded through various grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which will expire on July 9, 2022, and puts the program at risk of ending.

Ms. Raimondi indicated that the Urban Pantry Barrie needs emergency financial support and requested that the Committee consider a one-time funding in the amount of $215,456 to bridge the gap in funding, create a more sustainable model of delivery, and help with a full integration of the Urban Pantry Barrie into the CMHA's operations.

Ms. Raimondi stressed that the program is a vital resource to the community for individuals and families who would be, otherwise, unable to access nutritious and healthy food, learn valuable skills around growing and preparing food, and further adding that some Simcoe County residents are being forced to choose between paying bills and putting food on the table.

Members of the Committee asked several questions of Ms. Raimondi, who was later joined by the Director of CMHA, and received responses.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 7, 2022

The Report of the International Relations Committee dated June 7, 2022 was received.

REPORT OF THE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED JUNE 9, 2022

The Report of the Accessibility Advisory Committee dated June 9, 2022 was received.

The Finance and Corporate Services Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

CITY FACILITIES - SUPPORT FOR FULLY ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee supports the inclusion of fully accessible washrooms within newly built City facilities.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/27/2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN